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1. According to a report presented to the department heads of the Provincial Government of Saxony on 23 April 1947, the Province of Saxony, which formerly handled a third of the chemical industry of Germany, today has only about twenty percent. Differences in production between 1938 and 1947 are as follows:
2. In fertilizer manufacture, 130,000 tons of nitrogen were produced in Saxony in 1946 (at Leuna, Piesteritz, and Wolfen); in 1938 the production was 180,000 tons.
3. The Buna-Werke at present produces 3000 tons of synthetic rubber, Buna-S; the capacity is 5000 tons a month. Six thousand tons are currently stored, which costs four RM a kilogram; this is one of the most important reserves. The factory produces in addition 200,000 tons of carbide. The present capacity of the factories at Buna and Piesteritz amounts to 462,000 tons, of which only 350,000 tons are actually realizable, as opposed to a 1938 annual production of 624,000 tons. The difference is attributable to dismantling. Buna also turns out various types of solvents which are important for the lacquer industry.
4. Leuna monthly produces 120 tons of oxalic acid, which goes to Russia for reparations and is there employed in the armament industry.
5. The entire phosphorus industry has been dismantled; only one even remains at Bitterfeld, and that is not in operation.
6. At Amsdorf and Piesteritz, 900 tons of paraffin and montan wax are produced monthly.

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